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METHOD OF THE UNIT

Attorney Docket No. HIT A. 0181

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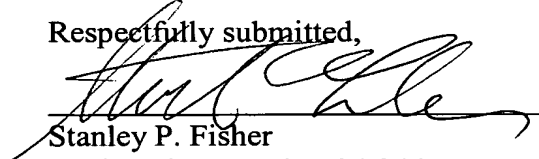
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LETTER TO THE OFFICE DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

Submitted concurrently herewith is the drawing sheet including Figures 23 and 25 indicating corrections to these Figures 23 and 25 as set forth in red. Entry of these drawing amendments to these figures is respectfully requested. In Figure 23, the spelling of the word "balancing" has been corrected, and in Figure 25, the spelling of the word "boundary" has been corrected. Applicants respectfully request that acknowledgement and approval of the above-mentioned changes be made via the next communication from the USPTO.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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